

## ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## STATEMENT REGARDING HIGH ALGAE TOXIN LEVEL - LONE LAKE

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Lone Lake, located in South Whidbey Island, has been deemed unsafe for public recreation until further notice, due to high algae toxin levels (anatoxin-a at 16 ug/L). Signs have been posted at both public access points, notifying visitors of the unsafe conditions.

Please visit the Washington State Toxic Algae webpage to review toxin data related to cyanobacteria blooms in Washington lakes, ponds and streams at <a href="https://www.nwtoxicalgae.org/">https://www.nwtoxicalgae.org/</a>

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